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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PRODUCTS AND VENTURES INTERNATIONAL.

Plaintiff,

VS.

AXUS STATIONARY (SHANGHAI) LTD., ET

Defendants.

CASE No. 16-cv-00669-YGR

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL OF RECORD FOR DEFENDANTS

Re: Dkt. No. 282

The Court is in receipt of Winston & Strawn LLP's ("Winston") motion to withdraw as counsel of record for defendants, Axus Stationery (Shanghai) Co. Ltd., Shanghai Marco Stationery Co. Ltd., Shanghai Laikesheng Pen Material Co. Ltd. d/b/a Shanghai Lexon, Kenpark Ltd., Andre Viegas, and Peifeng Xu and defendant/counterclaimant Roberta Trading Corporation (collectively, "defendants"). (Dkt. No. 282).

On January 2, 2019, the Court afforded defendants the opportunity to object to Winston's motion by no later than January 15, 2019. (Dkt. No. 285.) Defendants filed a "Confidential Statement' on January 15, 2019 in response to the Court's order. (Dkt. No. 288-3.)

Having carefully reviewed the motion and papers submitted, and for good cause appearing, the Court **Grants** Winston's motion to withdraw as counsel of record for defendants. Further, given that judgment in this matter has been issued, the Court finds that corporate representation is not legally required.

¹ Together with their Confidential Statement, defendants filed an administrative motion to file the statement under seal. (Dkt. No. 288.) The Court finds that disclosure of the Confidential Statement would be against the public interest because the need to protect privileged attorneyclient communications outweighs the public's need for disclosure. Accordingly, and for good cause shown, defendants' sealing motion is **GRANTED**.

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This Order terminates Docket Numbers 282 and 288.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 22, 2019

YVONNE GONZALEZ ROGERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE